



Senate

General Assembly

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 157

Senate, March 28, 2011

The Committee on Planning and Development reported through SEN. CASSANO of the 4th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICTS TO BE ESTABLISHED TO PROVIDE FERRY SERVICE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 7-326 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 At such meeting, the voters may establish a district for any or all of
4 the following purposes: To extinguish fires, to light streets, to plant
5 and care for shade and ornamental trees, to construct and maintain
6 roads, sidewalks, crosswalks, drains and sewers, to appoint and
7 employ watchmen or police officers, to acquire, construct, maintain
8 and regulate the use of recreational facilities, to plan, lay out, acquire,
9 construct, reconstruct, repair, maintain, supervise and manage a flood
10 or erosion control system, to plan, lay out, acquire, construct, maintain,
11 operate and regulate the use of a community water system, to collect
12 garbage, ashes and all other refuse matter in any portion of such
13 district and provide for the disposal of such matter, to implement tick

14 control measures, to install highway sound barriers, to maintain water
15 quality in lakes that are located solely in one town in this state, to
16 establish a zoning commission and a zoning board of appeals or a
17 planning commission, or both, by adoption of chapter 124 or chapter
18 126, excluding section 8-29, or both chapters, as the case may be, which
19 commissions or board shall be dissolved upon adoption by the town of
20 subdivision or zoning regulations by the town planning or zoning
21 commission, [and] to adopt building regulations, which regulations
22 shall be superseded upon adoption by the town of building
23 regulations, and to provide ferry service. Any district may contract
24 with a town, city, borough or other district for carrying out any of the
25 purposes for which such district was established.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	7-326
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PD *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 12 \$	FY 13 \$
Various Municipalities	Potential Cost	See Below	See Below
Special Taxing District	Revenue Gain/Cost	See Below	See Below

Explanation

A municipality in which fifteen or more voters petition to establish a special taxing district for ferry service would incur

(a) minimal costs (estimated at less than \$1,000) associated with providing written notice of a meeting of the voters residing within the district's limits, as well as holding the meeting, and

(b) potential costs associated with conducting a referendum, if (1) 200 or more voters, or 10% of the total number of voters, whichever is less, petition for a referendum, or (2) the town selectmen request a referendum. The cost of holding a referendum can range from \$1,000 for small towns to over \$50,000 for the largest cities.

Any newly created special taxing district would have the authority to tax and expend funds for the purpose for which it was established.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

OLR Bill Analysis**sSB 157*****AN ACT AUTHORIZING SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICTS TO BE ESTABLISHED TO PROVIDE FERRY SERVICE.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill expands the list of purposes for which residents may vote to establish special taxing districts to include providing ferry service. Current law allows them to establish districts providing a wide range of public services and infrastructure, including collecting trash and constructing and maintaining drains and sewers.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 20 Nay 0 (03/07/2011)